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Preliminary 1942 Log Prices in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region

The figures on log prices for 1942 presented herewith were compiled from reports solicited by the Forest Service in cooperation with the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce. All figures given are preliminary. Final figures, by States, will appear in the next annual "Stumpage and Log Price" bulletin which is now being compiled by Henry B. Steer of the Division of Forest Economics, United States Forest Service, Washington, D. C. Such bulletins have been prepared for each year since 1928.

The transactions for 1942 listed in the accompanying table amount to 162,894,000 feet log scale with a value of $2,394,818. Approximately two-thirds of the transactions were reported from the "Northeastern Washington" and the "St. Maries - Coeur d'Alene" districts. Total volume of transactions in these two districts amounted to 97,635,000 feet (60 percent of the total) with a value of $1,480,381 (62 percent of the total). Prices paid in these districts were usually higher than in others, which correlates with the known fact that competition for timber in these two districts is keener than elsewhere in the region.

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PRELIMINARY 1942 LOG PRICES IN THE NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

(Per M feet log scale)

	District							All districts
	Northeastern Washington	St. Maries-Coeur d'Alene	Sandpoint	Clearwater	Kalispell	Missoula-Butte	Eastern Montana	
Western (Idaho) White Pine								
Quantity (M feet)	183	12,968	405	63	1,267	225	None	15,111
Total value	$3,966	$299,891	$7,775	$584	$24,331	$4,163		$340,710
Av. price per M	$21.67	$23.13	$19.20	$9.27	$19.20	$18.50		$22.55
Price range	$19.00-25.00	$15.00-28.00	$17.50-22.00	$7.00-18.00	$9.00-19.50	-		$7.00-28.00
Ponderosa Pine								
Quantity (M feet)	7,038	22,153	1,085	886	5,334	4,238	None	40,734
Total value	$84,160	$320,708	$14,291	$9,446	$64,105	$51,220		$543,930
Av. price per M	$11.96	$14.48	$13.17	$10.66	$12.02	$12.09		$13.35
Price range	$7.50-14.00	$8.00-16.50	$11.00-15.00	$10.50-11.00	$9.00-18.00	$6.00-15.00		$7.50-18.00
Lodgepole Pine								
Quantity (M feet)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Total value								
Av. price per M								
Price range								
Western Larch								
Quantity (M feet)	2,528	17,661	1,936	209	6,863	1,214	None	30,411
Total value	$28,040	$259,845	$20,801	$2,232	$71,955	$12,140		$395,013
Av. price per M	$11.09	$14.71	$10.74	$10.68	$10.48	$10.00		$12.99
Price range	$7.50-17.00	$7.00-17.75	$5.00-14.00	$10.00-15.00	$8.00-11.50	-		$5.00-17.75
Douglas-fir								
Quantity (M feet)	2,370	18,447	903	215	6,861	235	200	29,231
Total value	$27,451	$271,192	$10,430	$2,253	$71,935	$2,700	$3,500	$389,461
Av. price per M	$11.58	$14.70	$11.55	$10.48	$10.48	$11.49	$17.50	$13.32
Price range	$7.50-20.00	$7.00-17.75	$9.00-14.00	$9.50-15.00	$8.00-11.50	$10.00-13.50	-	$7.00-20.00
Engelmann Spruce								
Quantity (M feet)	None	None	10	5	5,942	92	57	6,106
Total value			$125	$75	$92,591	$1,196	$1,001	$94,988
Av. price per M			$12.50	$15.00	$15.58	$13.00	$17.56	$15.56
Price range			-	-	$9.00-20.50	-	$17.50-18.00	$9.00-20.50
Western Hemlock								
Quantity (M feet)	319	None	None	None	None	None	None	319
Total value	$4,785							$4,785
Av. price per M	$15.00							$15.00
Price range								
Grand (White) Fir								
Quantity (M feet)	208	6,471	50	639	None	98	8	7,474
Total value	$3,120	$84,766	$700	$8,576		$1,176	$144	$98,482
Av. price per M	$15.00	$13.10	$14.00	$13.42		$12.00	$18.00	$13.18
Price range	-	$9.75-15.00	-	$11.00-14.00		$10.00-13.00	-	$9.75-18.00
Western Redcedar								
Quantity (M feet)	350	157	307	52	None	None	None	866
Total value	$4,425	$1,992	$4,048	$624				$11,089
Av. price per M	$12.64	$12.69	$13.19	$12.00				$12.80
Price range	$12.00-13.50	$12.00-16.00	$11.50-15.00	-				$11.50-16.00
Birch								
Quantity (M feet)	None	None	None	None	1	None	None	1
Total value					$15			$15
Av. price per M					$15			$15
Price range					-			-
Cottonwood								
Quantity (M feet)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Total value								
Av. price per M								
Price range								
Miscellaneous Sales Unsegregated by Species								
Quantity (M feet)	167	6,615	None	1,154	None	24,487	218	32,641
Total value	$2,263	$83,777		$12,208		$415,590	$2,507	$516,345
Av. price per M	$13.55	$12.66		$10.58		$16.97	$11.50	$15.82
Price range	$9.50-14.00	$10.00-16.00		$9.00-12.00		$12.00-24.50	-	$9.00-24.50
Summary of All Transactions								
Quantity (M feet)	13,163	84,472	4,696	3,223	26,268	30,589	483	162,894
Total value	$158,210	$1,322,171	$58,170	$35,998	$324,932	$488,185	$7,152	$2,394,818
Av. price per M	$12.02	$15.65	$12.39	$11.17	$12.37	$15.96	$14.81	$14.70
Price range	$7.50-25.00	$7.00-28.00	$5.00-22.00	$7.00-18.00	$8.00-20.50	$6.00-24.50	$11.50-18.00	$5.00-28.00

The Northeastern Washington district includes Stevens, Spokane, and Pend Oreille Counties in Washington. The St. Maries-Coeur d'Alene district includes Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties in Idaho. The Sandpoint district includes Boundary and Bonner Counties in Idaho. The Clearwater district includes the remainder of Idaho which lies north of the Salmon River. The Kalispell district includes Flathead, Lake, and Lincoln Counties in Montana. The Missoula-Butte district includes Sanders, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Granite, Ravalli, Deer Lodge, Lewis and Clark, and Silver Bow Counties in Montana. The Eastern Montana district includes the remainder of Montana.